

PRIVATE SALES PREDOMINATE.

LITTLE BUSINESS AT THE REAL ESTATE EX-
CHANGES IN THE LAST TWO DAYS.

In the last two days there have been several private real estate transactions, but the business at the auction rooms has not been active. The total amount of business done at public auction in this city yesterday amounted to only \$34,000. Jefferson M. Levy, who handles considerable real estate, was said yesterday to have made a transaction in downtown property in which over \$10,000 was involved. Mr. Levy refused to say anything about the transaction other than that one had been made. Mr. Levy may have sold the lot at Liberty and William sts., which he bought recently.

Henry D. Hinman & May have sold for J. H. Flager the four-story dwelling at No. 18 West Fifty-second-st., for \$9,000 cash. Mr. Flager bought this house through the same brokers in 1884 for \$65,500. This shows an increase of \$2,500 in four years. The house will be altered and improved by its new owner.

Plans have been approved by the Building Department for a six-story brick and marble front store and office building at No. 13 Fifth-ave. The cost will be \$86,000. The plans were filed by Henry Coen of No. 66 East Eighth-Brat-st., Alfred Zucher is the architect.

The building at No. 439 Fifth-ave. will be altered by Horace A. Hutchins to a five-story brick flat house and store, at a cost of \$32,500. The majority of houses in lower Fifth-ave. are now sold or offered for sale or lease, are altered for business purposes, and nearly every day the march of busi-
ness into this thoroughfare increases.

The accounts of the Real Estate Exchange to be presented at the next annual meeting, which have been audited by the Finance Committee, show a net balance for the last year of \$18,622.77, out of which two dividends have been declared amounting to \$15,000, leaving a balance on the capital stock; this leaves a balance of \$3,622.77 to be carried forward to the next account. There is also the credit of sinking fund of \$1,679.39 standing to the credit of the sinking fund. The sales announced for today are as follows:

No. 50 Liberty-st., by Richard V. Barnett & Co., \$115 East One-hundred-fifth-st., 23x100 ft., fire-
story brick double tenement, also No. 105 Houston-
St., Houston, 20x100 ft., with five-story brick tenement
with stores and four-story brick tenements in rear;
also Nos. 302 and 504 West Thirty-ninth-st., two five-
story brick tenements.

No. 111 Broadway, by Richard V. Barnett & Co.,
foreclosure, plot 32x100, on Water or Ackerman st.,
Kingbridge, 130 ft. feet north of Spuyten Duyvil and
Port Morris Railroad.

By William Kennedy, foreclosure, Nos. 16 and 18 West
One-hundred-and-fourth-st., 17.5x100 ft. 11 and 18.3x
100 ft., two three-story front dwellings.

By James L. Wells, twenty-three building plots, Harlem
River water-front, near Morris Heights station, on the
west side of the river, between 125th and 130th st.

By Bryan L. Kennedy, foreclosure, No. 2416 First-ave.,
25x100 ft., five-story brick tenement, with stores; also,
auction, two-story Queen Anne dwelling, plot 70x136 ft.
74x120 ft., east side of Sedgewick-ave., 214.00 feet
north of Hampden-st.

H. Phoenix Ingraham & Co., foreclosure, No. 447
East One-hundred-and-nineteenth-st., 20x100 ft., three-
story frame dwelling; also No. 219 West Sixty-seventh-
st., 25x100 ft., five-story brick flat.

By A. H. Muller & Son, foreclosure, Nos. 16 and 18
West One-hundred-and-Fourteenth-st., 17.5x100 ft. 11 and
18.3x100 ft., two three-story front dwellings.

THE SALTRAM TELLS OF HAILESTONES.

The steamship Saltram, which arrived here from
Mediterranean ports yesterday, brought a most re-
markable hailestone story. Besides the story she
brought a cargo of raisins and figs. This is the
story: On November 3, when the steamer was
plowing through a northwest gale and a heavy
sea, a great storm of thunder and lightning swept
over the ocean. She was about 300 miles out from
the Straits of Gibraltar, and the weather was
warm. The sea broke over the vessel, tore off the
boat covers, and did other damage about the decks.
James O'Brien and Joseph Hansen, seamen, and
First Officer Williamson were on the bridge.
O'Brien being at the wheel. Suddenly out of the
sky pieces of ice as big as a man's fist began to fall.
They were not rounded pieces, like haile-
stones, but rough, jagged pieces, as if some one
was chopping ice up. The bombardment
lasted for twenty minutes. The men on the bridge
pulled their coats up over their ears to avoid the
falling ice, but were badly bruised. The cook
thought some one was throwing bricks at the galley,
and rushed on deck, only to beat a hasty retreat.
Some men who were taking in the storm tried
left and right for shelter. Two men, which
had escaped from their coop and were running
about, were well beaten. All this took place about 8 o'clock at night. The weather
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on the troubled waters with good effect. The
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